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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Inventors: Naoyasu MIYAGAWA, et al. Art Unit: 2753

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For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR
OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE
THICKNESSES

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2001, please
amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 33 to read as follows (Exhibit I contains
a marked up version):

~~33. An optical recording/reproducing system as in claim 34,
wherein each of said first layers comprises a transparent
substrate.~~

Please add the following new claims 35-37:

~~35. An apparatus according to claim 26, further comprising
a disc discrimination means for discriminating the thickness of~~